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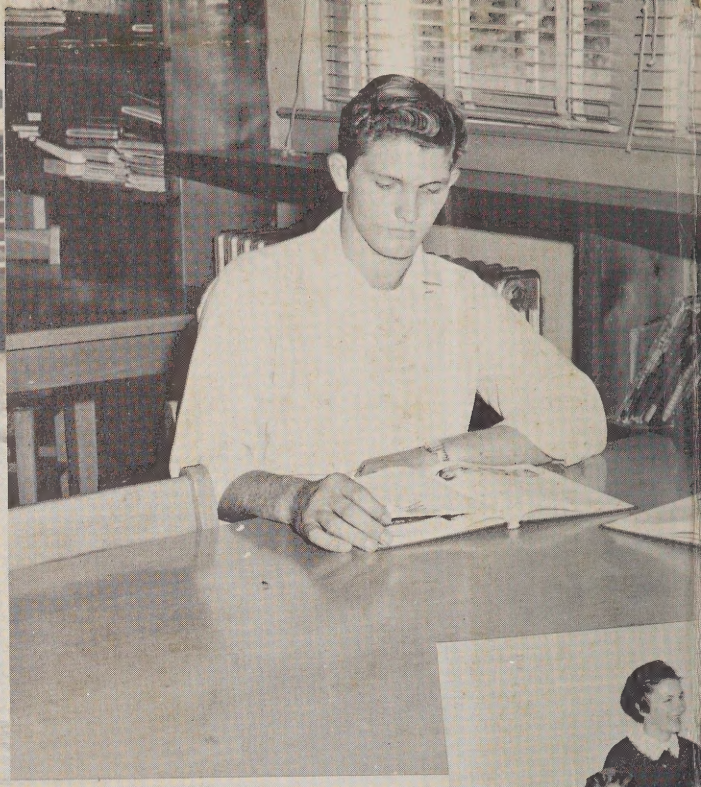

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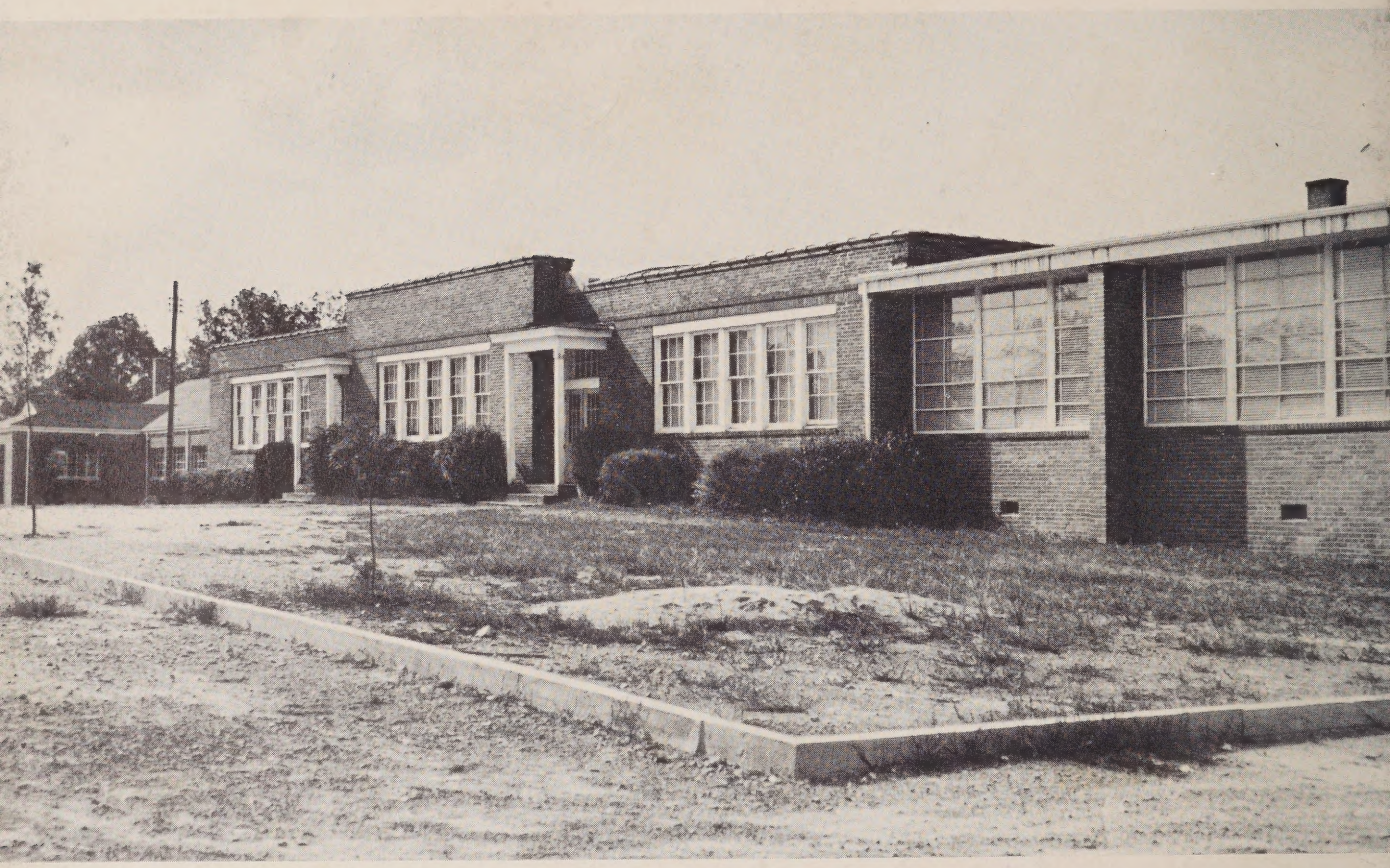
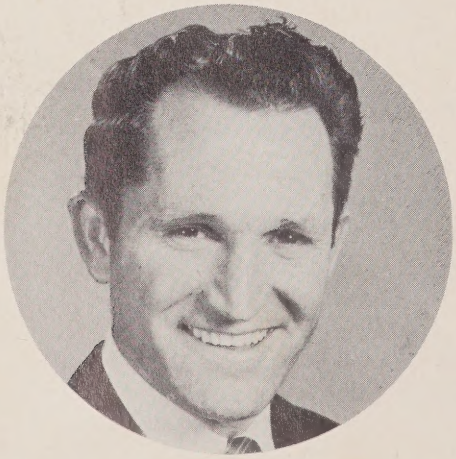
Foreword

In the hope that we might present a better book than ever, we, the 1957 Panther Staff have searched for ideas that could make our annual unusual and impressive. Deciding that an annual is, actually, a pictorial record of school activities, we questioned, "What would each individual student desire most in his book?" Pictures . . . More . . . Better . . . Bigger pictures! This, we all agreed, would be our goal.

Realizing that memories fade, in the years to come we hope that you can re-live your life at Bennett High through the camera's eye.





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Bennett High School
May 1, 1957

Dear Mom and Dad,

Words will never express what you have meant to us, for the way you began our education and provided for us through twelve long and hopeful years.

You took on the responsibility of seeing that we attended. This was an important step. We know that at times it must have been hard for you to understand our ways and attitudes, which must have caused you a lot of worry.

Now as we realize that our graduation is soon to come, and that one of our first goals will be attained, we know that you have made it possible.

Please cast our mistakes in the Sea of Forgetfulness and consider our worthy accomplishments and our plans for the future of more importance. Regardless of how bright or dark our fates, we thank you for prodding us on to this first step... a high school diploma.

It is with the greatest pleasure and honor that we, the Seniors of 1957, dedicate this "Panther" to you, in grateful acknowledgement of your love and sacrifice which helped to make this publication possible.

With all our love,
The Seniors
of '57

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Ruby Moore

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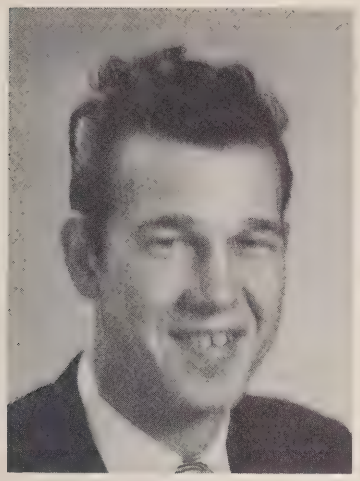

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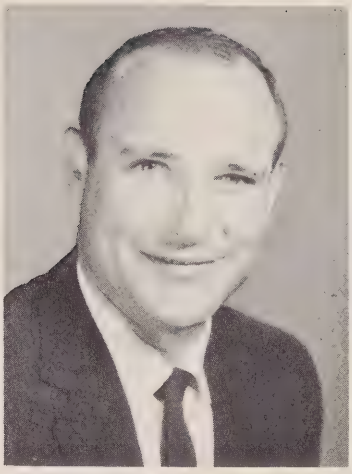

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High Point College A.B.

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Woman's College U.N.C.

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Miss Rebecca Straughn
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CLASSES

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Vice President . . . . . Mary Lou Smith
Secretary . . . . . Doris Smith
Treasurer . . . . . Rama Simmons

CLASS COLORS
Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER
Red Rose

MOTTO
We've Climbed the Hills, Yonder lie the Mountains.

Mascots

Carolyn Leonard

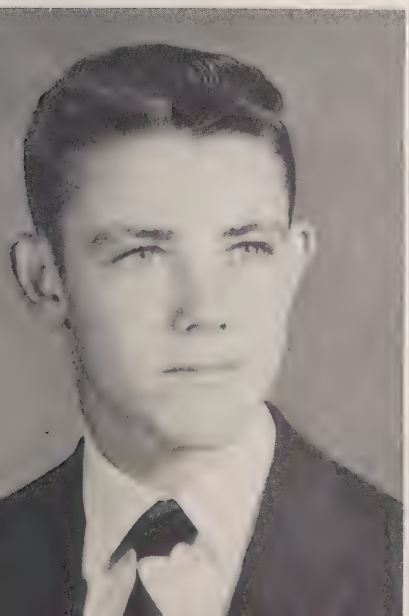
Dennis Brown

CLYDE BROWN, JR.
4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 2,3,4; Friendlist; Most Courteous.

BETTY LOU COBLE
4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Spanish Club 3,4; Library Club 4; Junior Play 3; Harvest Queen 3; Class Prophet; Most Popular; Waitress Jr. Sr. Banquet.

MELVIN BROWN
Football 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4; Baseball 1,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Vice President 3; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Annual Staff; Best Sport.

BETTY JANE LAMBERT
Softball 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club Officer 2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3; Spanish Club 3,4; Library Club 4; Class Treasuer 2; Junior Play 3; Co-Editor of Annual; Waitress Jr. Sr. Banquet; Best Sport; Most Dependable.



WORTH BROWN
4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Bus Driver Sub. 3,4; Junior Play 3; Wittiest.

RUBY MOORE
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,4; Marshall 2, Chief 3; Class Vice-President 2; Class Treasurer 3; Editor of Annual; Best-All-Around; Most Athletic; Most Likely to Succeed.

TOMMY DIXON
Football 1,4; Captain 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; President 4; 4-H Club 3; Sports Editor of Annual; Bus Driver 3,4; Monogram Club 1; Most Popular; Most Athletic.

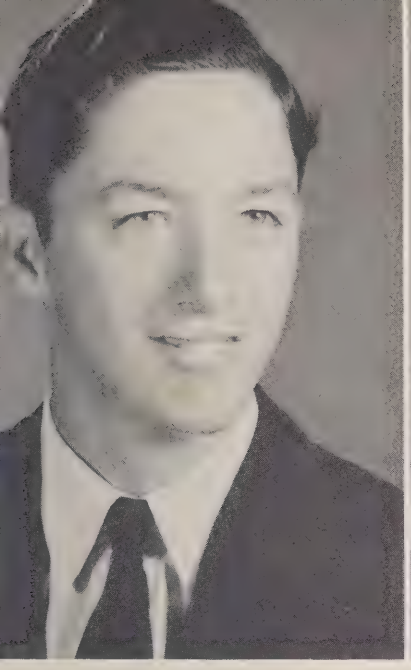
SONDRA KAYE MURRAY
Basketball 1,3,4; Co-Captain 4 Softball 3,4; 4-H Club 1,2; Spanish Club 3,4; Secretary 4; Library Club 4; Glee Club 3; Class Secretary 3; Cheerleader 3,4; Waitress Jr. Sr. Banquet; Annual Staff, Typist & Sports Editor; Neatest.

JAMES HAMMER
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1; 4-H Club 3,4; Harvest King 2; Bus Driver 3,4; Junior Play 3; Cutest; Neatest; Chatterbox.

RAMA SIMMONS
4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3, Spanish Club 3,4; Library Club 4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Junior Play 3; Class Secretary 1; Class Treasurer 4; Waitress Jr. Sr. Banquet; Cutest.

RICHARD MURRAY
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Glee Club 1,3; 4-H Club 1; Assistant Circulation Manager of Annual; Harvest King 1; Most Musical.

DORIS SMITH
Softball 3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Glee Club 2; Library Club 4; Junior Play 3; Class President 1; Class Secretary 4; Class Historian; Friendliest.



ROBERT MURRAY
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Spanish Club 3,4; 4-H Club 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Quietest.

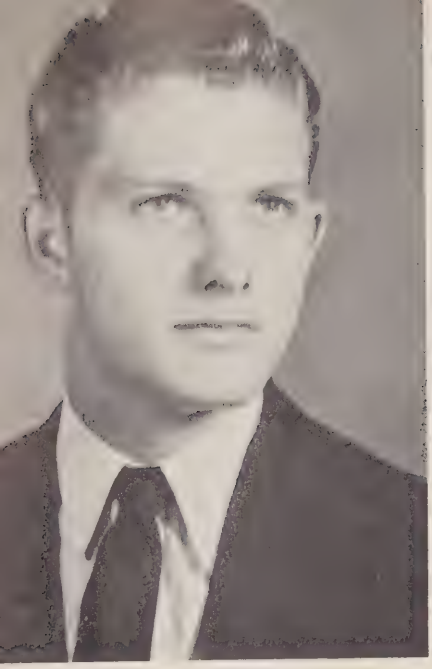
MARY LOU SMITH
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2; Spanish Club 3,4; Secretary 3; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Officer 1,2,3,4; Library Club 4; Junior Play 3; Marshall 1,3; Miss Bennett High 4; Class Secretary 2; Class Vice-President 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club Accompanist 1,2,3; Waitress Jr. Sr. Banquet; Most Musical.

JOSEPH PURVIS
Football 1,2,3,4; Co-Captain 4; Basketball 3,4; Co-Captain 4; Spanish Club 3,4; Mr. Bennett High 4; Class President 2,4; Marshall 1,2,3, Bus Driver 3,4; Best-All-Around; Most Likely to Succeed; Most Dependable.

MARY JOYCE PURVIS
Softball 1; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Spanish Club 3,4; Library Club 4; Circulation Manager of Annual; Quietest.

CHARLES LEONARD
Basketball 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Officer 3; Spanish Club 3,4; Cheerleader 2.

CAROL WELCH
Softball 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2; Spanish Club 3,4; Library Club 4; Junior Play 3; Glee Club 1,2,3; Waitress Jr. Sr. Banquet; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Chief 3,4; Business Manager of Annual; Wittiest; Chatterbox.



CHARLES ROBINSON
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; 4-H Club 1,2; Junior Play 3; Bus Driver Sub. 4.

REBECCA LAMBERT MANESS
Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2; Cheerleader 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2; Spanish Club 4; Library Club 4; Monogram Club 1; Most Courteous.

Class History

We the Seniors of Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Seven know it's the end of twelve years at Bennett High School. We began in the first grade with eight long years of grammar school before us, and then in September of 1953, we were freshmen with ages and ages of high school before us.

We will never forget the day we entered high school with Miss Farrington as our home room teacher. With much hard work and under the leadership of Doris Smith, president; Joseph Purvis, Vice-President; Rama Simmons, Secretary; and Vernon Brady, Treasurer, we began a joyous year.

We were proud when Richard Murray won as Harvest King in the contest at the Annual Halloween Carnival.

Then we began our Sophomore year with Miss Comer as our home room teacher. We will never forget all the U. S. History reports we had to make for Mr. Phillips. Class officers were Joseph Purvis, President; Ruby Moore, Vice-President; Mary Lou Smith Secretary; and Betty Jane Lambert, Treasurer.

We shall cherish the memory of the good times we had at parties and again we were happy when James Hammer won as Harvest King in the contest at the Annual Halloween Carnival.

We began our Junior year with Frankie Brewer as President; Melvin Brown, Vice-President; Sondra Murray, Secretary; and Ruby Moore, Treasurer.

We had lots of fun planning and decorating for the Banquet, the theme of which was "Gypsy Caravan." Miss Rothgeb was our director. We enjoyed giving a Junior Play, "Quit Your Kidding," and also selling cakes at the basketball games to make money for the Banquet.

For the third time a member of our class, Betty Coble, was the proud winner of the title Harvest Queen at the Annual Halloween Carnival. The year passed by very quickly and before we knew it school was out.

On August 30, 1956, we started back to school as dignified Seniors with Mr. Phillips as our home room teacher. The class elected Joseph Purvis, President; Mary Lou Smith, Vice-President, Doris Smith, Secretary; and Rama Simmons, Treasurer.

We looked forward to getting our class rings and publishing the annual, which was a very hard task, but with much hard work and with Ruby Moore as Editor, and Mrs. Caviness, our advisor, we made quite a success.

We were also in the Spanish Club this year with the Juniors and part of the class wrote to Spanish boys and girls who were very interesting.

An added feature this year has been the high school election of Mr. and Miss Bennett High. We were honored to have Mary Lou Smith and Joseph Purvis of our class to win.

Of course we looked forward to giving the Senior Play and enjoyed the banquet this year which the Junior Class gave.

We are looking forward to one of the greatest moments of our lives, when we will solemnly march down the aisle-sad, happy, and victorious. Our school days at Bennett High School will be days of the past. We will finish with gladness, part with sadness; but memories of our school days will live forever.

Class Historian,
Doris Smith

Last Will And Testament

We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Seven of Bennett High School, in the county of Chatham, being of sound mind, and realizing our impending departure from this school, do hereby declare and make this our last will and testament.

ARTICLE I

To the Faculty: To Mr. Phillips, we leave our deepest thoughts and appreciation for the interest, help, and co-operation he has shown us.

To our teachers: We leave our love for each one of you and our thanks for your kindness and patience in trying to increase our knowledge and wisdom.

ARTICLE II

To the undergraduates: To the Juniors, we leave the job of publishing the annual. To the Sophomores, we leave the task of giving a Junior-Senior Banquet during their Junior year. To the Freshmen we leave our ability to sing.

SENIOR BEQUESTS

I, Mary Joyce Purvis, will my superlative of "Quietest" to my sister Nettie Margaret, and my job in the candy store to Irene Cheek.

I, Rama Simmons, leave my cheerleading outfit to Grace Wilson, and hope she enjoys it as much as I have.

I, Betty Jane Lambert, leave my job as mail carrier and my superlative of "Most dependable" to Rena Lee Purvis.

I, Worth Brown, leave my superlative of "Wittiest" to my brother, Billy Joe.

I, Charles Leonard, leave my ability to get along with other people to my cousin Jerry Kidd, and hope that he will make use of it infuture years.

I, Charles Robinson, leave my place as teacher's pet to "John Tar Brady".

I, James Hammer, leave my position at center field to Bub Willet, and my superlative of "Chatterbox" to Grady Garner.

I, Ruby Moore, will my position as Editor of the Annual to Rena Purvis and my superlative of "Most Likely to Succeed" to my brother Dempsey and hope that he will study more.

I, Tommy Dixon, leave my football uniform to Jimmy Caviness and my superlative of "Most Athletic" to Richard Brown.

I, Richard Murray, leave my superlative of "Most Musical" to Bobby Earl Maness.

I, Doris Smith, will my superlative of "Friendliest" to my sister Marie, and my position on the Annual Staff, as Class Historian, to Frances Kiser.

I, Carol Welch, leave my cheerleading outfit to Nancy Leonard and hope that it fits her as well as it did me, and my superlative of "Wittiest" to my sister, Judy Ann.

I, Sondra Kaye Murray, will my position as Sports Editor to Mildred Inene Brown, and my love for typing to Linda Andrews.

I, Robert Murray, leave my position in Baseball at left field, to my brother, Kenneth.

I, Rebecca Maness, leave my Geography Book to the Junior and Sophomore classes and hope they will enjoy it as much as I have.

I, Joseph Purvis, leave my position as halfback to Billy Joe Brown.

I, Betty Lou Coble, leave my love for Spanish to Earl Jones, and my love for Kitty Wells' records, to my sister, Clara Mae.

I, Mary Lou Smith, will my job as mail carrier to Doris Brady, and my typewriter to my sister, Carol.

I, Melvin Brown, leave my position as center on the Basketball team to my brother John Neal, and my superlative of "Best Sport" to my brother, Cleo.

I, Clyde Brown, leave my school bus to Henry Brown and hope he gets here first once a year, anyway.

Melvin Brown,
Testator
Mary Lou Smith,
Testatrix

Class Prophecy

Well, ten years have passed since the seniors of 1957 passed for the last time through the portals of old B.H.S.

Tommy Dixon is now running his father's hardware store. He never was very good at counting money, so his wife, the former Sondra Murray, helps him a lot.

Rama Simmons, who always did want to work in a bank, is now president of Bennett's National Bank.

Carol "Tootsie" Welch is now married to some millionaire from Siler City. She has a Cadillac for every day of the week.

Clyde Brown, Jr. is still a bachelor, but I can't understand why! All the girls are crazy over him.

Melvin Brown is the owner of the largest lumber company in the world.

James Hammer, who was voted "Cutest" in high school, went to Hollywood last week for a screen test.

Rebecca, who was married in 1955 to Lacy Maness, was surprised to find an oil well gushing in their back yard one day. They now live in a big mansion on Bennett's Beacon Hill.

Richard Murray, who joined partnership with Elvis Presley, has made such a hit that his records are now selling 50 million copies a week.

Doris Smith is a great artist. Her greatest painting "Sunset on Hog Slop River" is preserved in the museum at Raleigh.

Betty Jane Lambert is a registered nurse at Watts Hospital. She is engaged to the head surgeon.

Mary Joyce Purvis is the head floor lady over at Erect's largest hosiery mill. They say those girls really jump around. You wouldn't believe it, she used to be so quiet in school.

If any of you go to New York City, stop by the New York Time's newspaper office. Ruby Moore is the editor. She must be successful owns 4 airplanes, 2 apartment buildings, and 4 limousines with chauffeurs.

I guess everyone knows Mary Lou Smith has a job singing in Putman's Night Club. She's going to tour the United States and Mexico in September.

Worth Brown is a race car driver - but he never seems to win. Could it be because he designs his own cars???

Charles Leonard owns North 220 Drive-In. He is married and lives happily with his wife on Peachtree Street in Asheboro.

Joseph Purvis is teaching Agriculture in Bennett High School. He owns his farm of 500 acres.

Charles Robinson joined the navy after he got out of high school. He is now commander of a great battleship.

Robert Murray is pitching for the New York Giants. They say he's a valuable player.

Betty Lou Coble, who always liked airplanes, is the greatest jet pilot of all times.

Will these predictions come true within the next ten years? Only Old Father Time can tell.

Compiled by
Betty Lou Coble
Robert Murray

Junior Officers

President - Mary R. Cox
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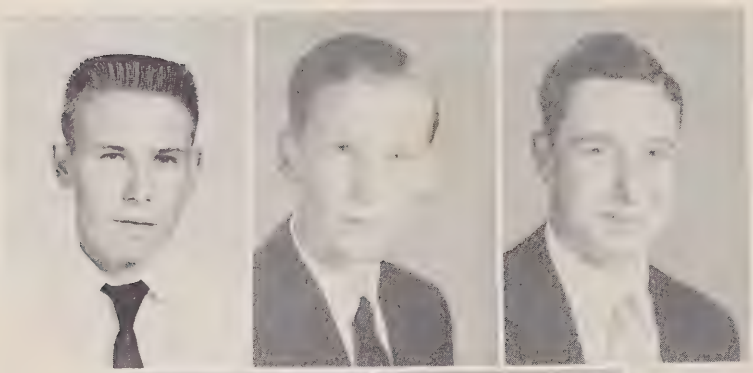
Secretary - Betty Simmons
Treasurer - Gilbert Brady



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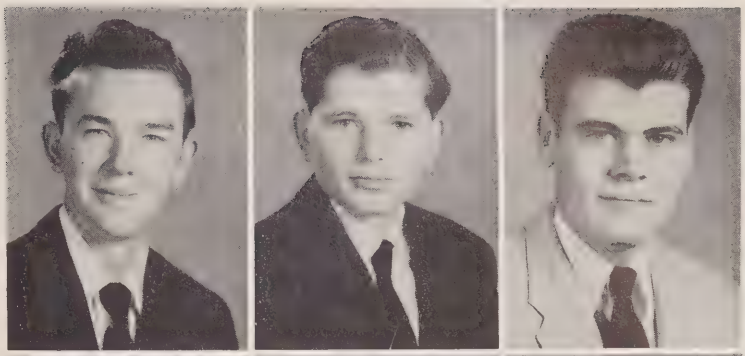
Quayne Chilton
Dwight Jones

Bobby Earl Maness
Earl Phillips
Windol Phillips



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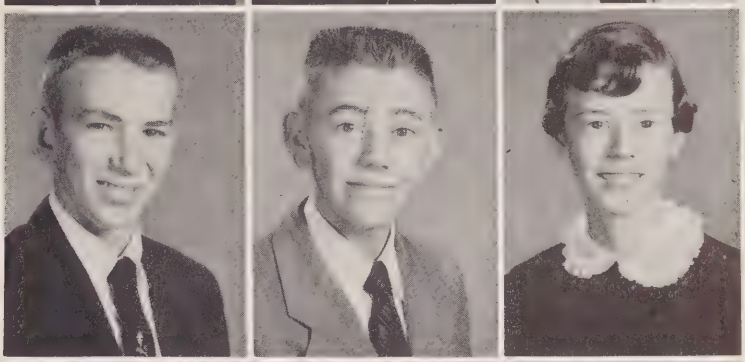
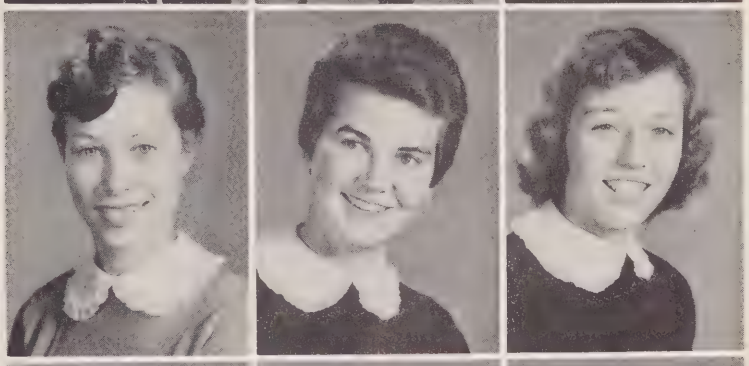
James Willett
Linda Andrews



Doris Brady
Irene Brown
Nancy Lee Brown



Mary Ruth Cox
Nancy Cox
Frances Kiser

Rena Lee Purvis
Betty Simmons
Yvonne Woodel

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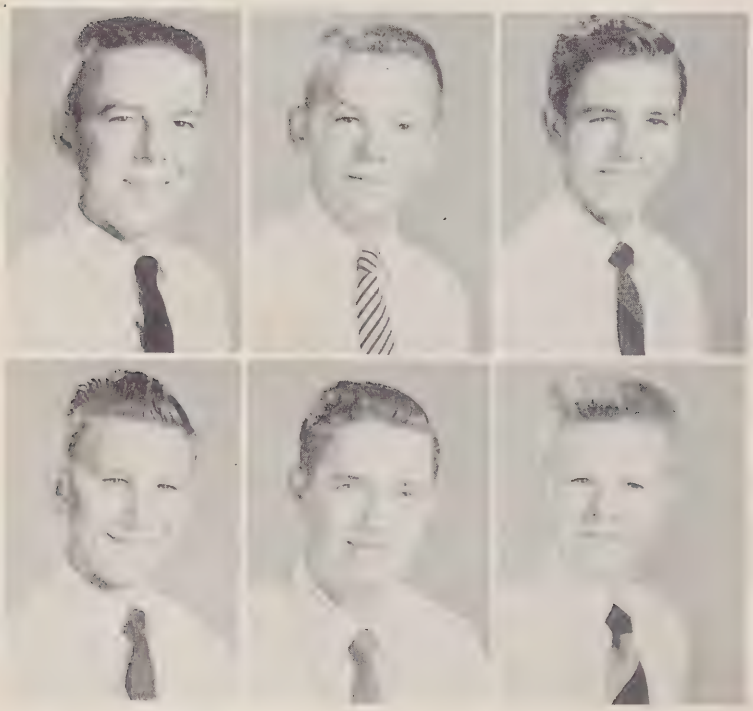
President - Jimmie Caviness
Vice President - Shirley Brady
Secretary - Lola Hussey
Treasurer - Grady Garner

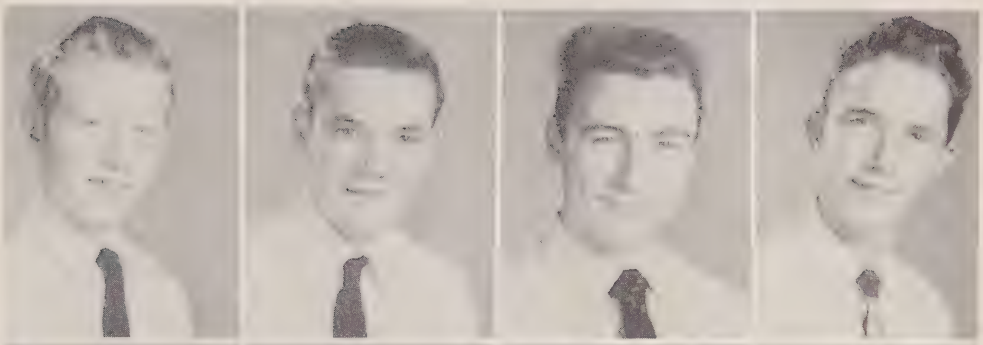


Sophomores

Larry Anderson
Billie Joe Brady
Billie Joe Brown

Richard Brown
Harold Caviness
Jimmie Caviness

Larry Ferree
Grady Garner
R.G. Kidd
Snyder Mooneyhan



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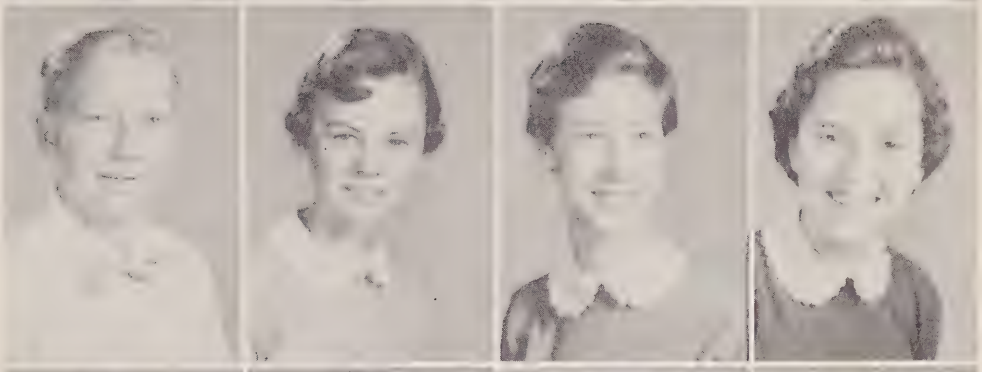
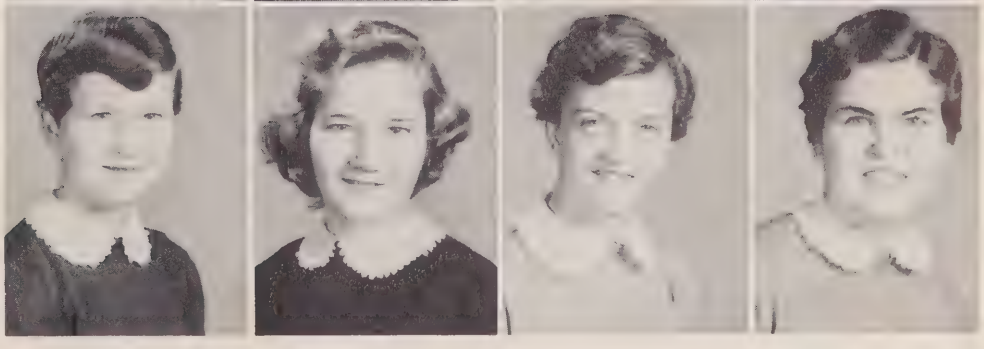
Shirley Brady
Rose Marie Brewer



Irene Brown
Irene Cheek
Clara Mae Coble
Jeannie Harris

Lola Hussey
Joyce Jordan
Mary Ruth Maness
Peggy McDaniel

Nellie Moran
Fern Murray
Patricia Welch
Grace Wilson



Freshman Officers

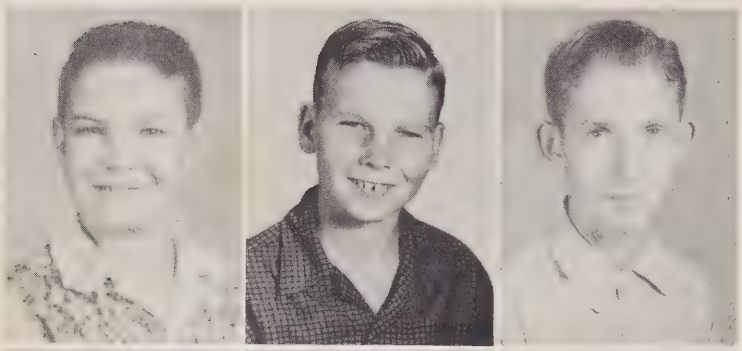
President
Linda Hussey
Vice-President
Emma Jean Willett

President
Linda Hussey

Vice-President
Emma Jean Willett

Secretary
Recil Leonard

Treasurer
Dwight Brady



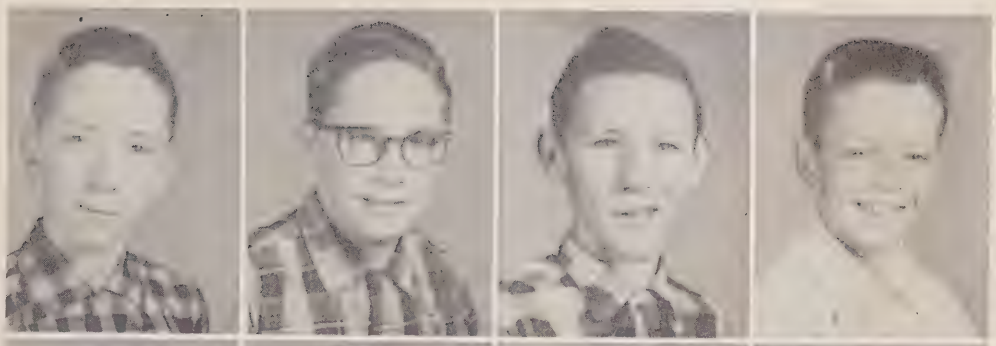
Freshmen

Donald Baxter
Dwight Brady
Garland Brady

Harold Hammer, Jr.
Bobby Hicks
Cecil Hussey

Earl Jones
Jerry Kidd
Jimmy Kidd

Recil Leonard
Donald Maness
Dempsey Moore
Billy Welch



Louise Brewer
Margaret Cox
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Edith Garner

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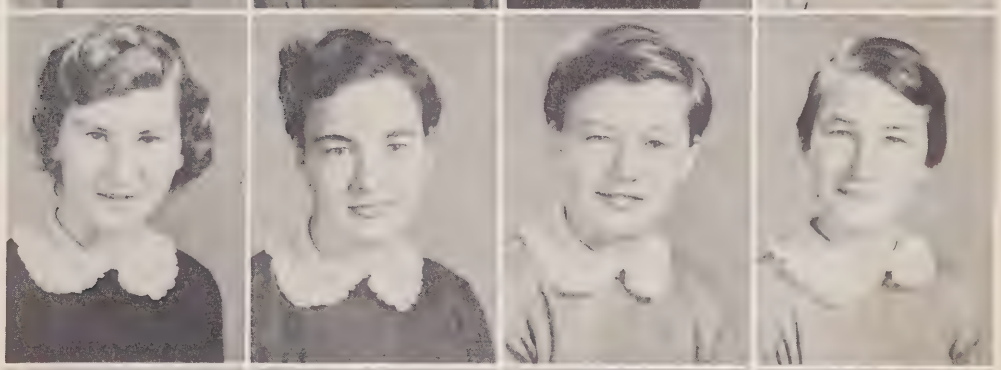
Judy Oates



Nettie M. Purvis
Marie Smith
Judy A. Welch
Emma Jean Willett

ELEMENTARY GRADES

Rosina Baxter
Irene Brady
Mary Lou Brady
Raeford Brady
Cleo Brown
Patsy Brown
Peggy Brown
Edward Caviness
Clara Mae Cheek
Ray Coble
Brenda Ferree
Roy Garner
Priscilla Hammer
J. C. Harper
Judy Sue Harris
Jo Ann Hussey
Nadine James
Carolyn Jones
Joe Larry Jones
Glenda Lambert
Raymond Leonard
Nancy Maness
Joe Moran
Eva Mae Phillips
Joyce Phillips
Roger Phillips
Carol Smith
Betty Stokes
Aletha Teague
Judy Welch

Grade 8

Grade 7

Gene Andrews
Carol Brady
Lavan Brady
Winfred Brady
Roy Cox
Carolyn Elkins
Elva Lou Garner
Ethen Gilliland
Lester Hicks
Floyd Hicks
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Jimmy Cox
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Jerry Beal
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Wanda Brady
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Patsy Brewer
Phyllis Brewer
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Mildred Coble
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Tommy Cox
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Football Team

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R. H. Gilbert Brady

C. Melvin Brown
Q. B. Tommy Dixon

L. E. Quayne Chilton
L. H. Joseph Purvis

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Tommy Dixon, Senior
Quarter Back

Joseph Purvis, Senior
Left Halfback

Co-Captain - Joseph Purvis; Coach Phillips; Captain - Tommy Dixon; Co-Captain - Melvin Brown.

Quayne Chilton, Junior
Left End

Harold Caviness, Sophomore
Right End

Gilbert Brady, Junior
Right Halfback

Girls' Basketball Team

Left to Right: Emma Jean Willet, Betty Simmons, Mary Ruth Cox, Brenda Harper, Shirley Moore, Nancy Brown, Irene Brown, Mildred Irene Brown, Ruby Moore, Mary Lou Smith, Linda Hussey, Mary Ruth Maness, Rose Marie Brewer, Sondra Kaye Murray, Judy Welch, Peggy Andrews, Louise Brewer, Nellie Moran, Coach Phillips.

Co-Captain, Sondra Murray; Coach Mr. Wayne Phillips; Captain, Ruby Moore.

Linda Hussey

Irene Brown

Sondra Murray

Nellie Moran

Ruby Moore

Mary Lou Smith

Boys' Basketball Team

Left to right: Billy Joe Brady, James Hammer, Julian Teague, Tommy Dixon, Harold Caviness, Joseph Purvis, Melvin Brown, Malcom Brady, Earl Jones, Charles Robinson, Jerry Kidd, Richard Murray, Billy Welch, Billy Joe Brown, Coach Phillips.

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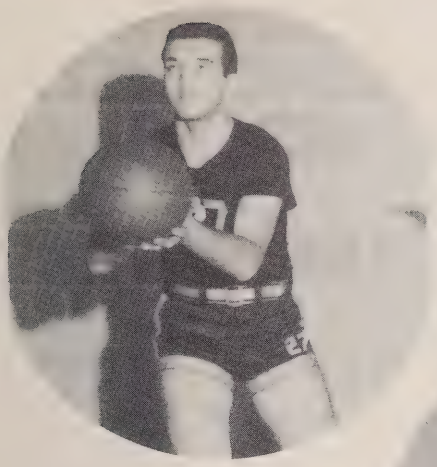

Tommy Dixon

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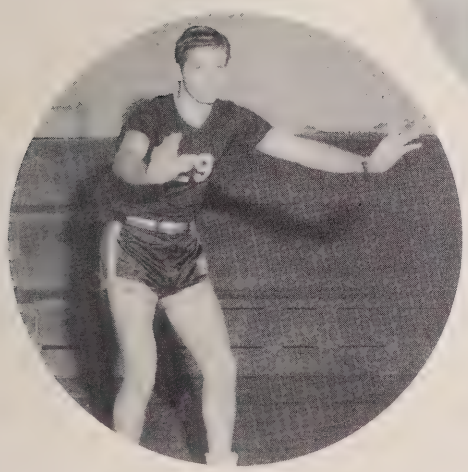

Charles Robinson

Richard Murray

Cheerleaders

Left to Right: Lola Hussey, Sondra Murray, Rose Marie Brewer, Carol Welch-Chief, Rama Simmons-Co-Chief, Shirley Brady, Mary Ruth Cox, Betty Simmons.

Softball

Coach Phillips, Nancy Brown, Sondra Murray, Irene Brown, Doris Smith, Frances Kiser, Joyce Jordan, Clara Mae Coble, Mary Ruth Cox, Betty Simmons.

Girls' Junior Basketball

Brenda Ferree, Phyllis Powers, Joyce Phillips, Carol Smith, Judy Welch, Aletha Teague, Rosina Baxter, Glenda Lambert, Irene Brady, Sandra McDaniel, Priscilla Hammer, Elva Lou Garner, Nancy Maness, Patsy Brown, Peggy Brown, Mary Lou Brady, Coach Johnson.

Boys' Junior Basketball

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Boys' Baseball

Standing: Quayne Chilton, Earl Jones, Harold Caviness, Charles Robinson, Coach Phillips, Bobby Earl Maness, Tommy Dixon, Robert Murray, James Hammer. Sitting: Jackie Sutherland, Bill Welch, Grady Garner, Dwight Jones, Julian Teague, Gilbert Brady, Billy Joe Brady, Billy Joe Brown.

Coach's Comments

Bennett High School is noted for fine baseball teams in the past and we hope this season will not spoil this fine tradition.

We lost four of the best defensive players that have played for Bennett in a long time.

This year we will miss John Brady, one of the finest players in the history of Bennett School. You don't replace boys like John, you just hope someday another will come along. Gurney Brady, Ronald Scott, and Howard Jones were three fine defensive players. Any team would miss those boys and any school would be proud of our infield last year.

Our team this year will be young and inexperienced. I don't want to sound too pessimistic, because we do have some fine boys returning and some excellent new material.

Tommy Dixon, the finest catcher in this area of the state, will be back to anchor the team; and with the aid of two veteran outfielders, Robert Murray and James Hammer, we will have a nucleus to build around.

This is the year for some of our new boys, Jackie Sutherland, Quayne Chilton, Grady Garner, and Harold Caviness, to prove they can fill the gap.

We need one good pitcher and we could field another fine Bennett team.

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Centerfield

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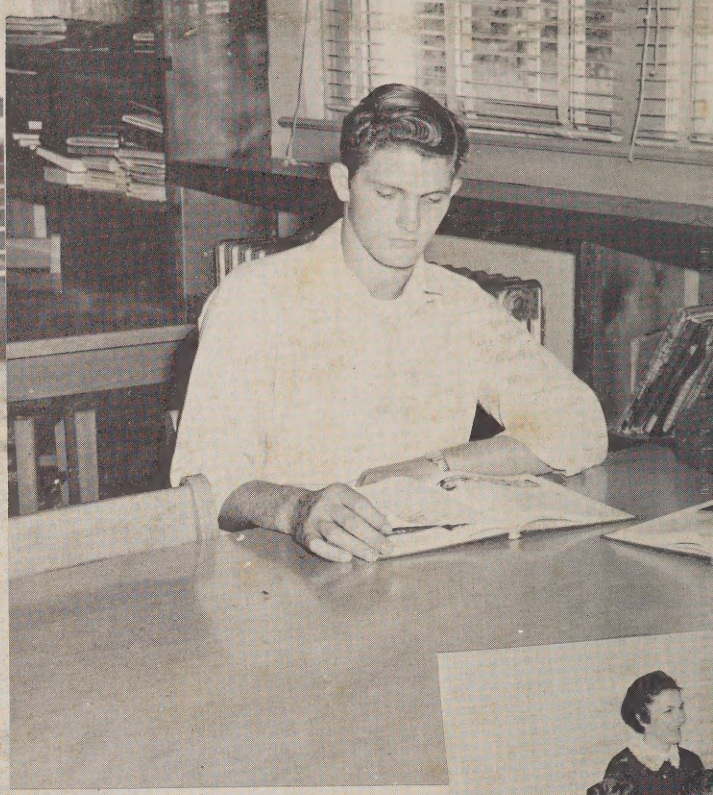

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